

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, claims 1-12 were rejected and claims 16-19 were allowed. This Response amends claims 1-5, and 8. Thus, claims 1-12 and 16-19 are pending in the application at this time. The amendments find full support in the specification included herein.


Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in conducting a telephonic interview on December 17, 2004 in which proposed claim amendments were discussed. Applicant has made claim amendments substantially along the lines discussed with the Examiner.

In view of the telephonic conference, Applicant's believe that all of the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. section 103 to claims 1-12. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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